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Easter egg hunt brings hundreds



DAVID SNOW | The Eagle Post Seated on the lawn at War Memorial Walking Trail Park after Saturday's Commu-

nity Cares Easter egg hunt are (L-R) Rebecca Porter and Delilah and Lydia Porter. find the elusive gold and

By DAVID SNOW

The Eagle Post

Hundreds of children and their parents turned out for the inaugural Oak Grove Community Cares Easter egg hunt, held Saturday at the War Memorial Walking Trail Park.

Lunch was served at the Easter egg hunt at noon, with the search beginning at 12:45 p.m.

According to Community Cares member Sandra Harrison, the group filled 10,000 plastic eggs with candy and hid them throughout the park. Children in different age groups searched in separate sections of the park to gather as many eggs as they could.

Those lucky enough to

silver eggs received \$50 and \$20 gift certificates, respectively.

Prior to the hunt, Griller's Choice of Clarksville, Tenn., fired up about 2,200 hot dogs and served a cost-free lunch to those taking part in the fun.

"There was not one egg left in the field!" Harrison laughed. "I think the kids were pretty pleased. We had awesome compliments from all the mothers and fathers who were out there. We had some people from Cadiz and some people from out of town who were visiting."

Prior to the hunt, several of the participants took advantage of the pancake breakfast being served aty the Fort Campbell Masonic

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Charged soldier to be confined on post

By BENJAMIN JOUBERT

For The Eagle Post

A soldier charged with the murder of his 3-year-old daughter was released from jail on April 4 and confined to Fort Campbell on an ankle monitor.

Prior to his arrest, Charles Morris, 22, was in the process of being discharged from the

Army for medical reasons. When he was arrested for the murder of his daughter in mid-June, the process was placed on hold pending the results of the trial. If Morris is convicted, he will be released from the military.

Defense Attorney Jack Faust told Christian County Circuit Court Judge Andrew Self that an ankle monitor

and Fort Campbell supervision would serve as "sufficient restraints."

Commonwealth Attorney Lynn Pryor opposed Morris's release and said that just because he was being released to the Army did not mean he would be adequately supervised while on base. Self asked Pryor if she thought Morris was a flight risk.

"I think anyone charged with murder is a flight risk," Pryor said.

While on release, Morris will be given regular employment at Fort Campbell and is required to show up for work every day. He will stay in a barrack set up for occasions like this.

Pryor argued that she was See Morris, Page A-7

Pereira to receive DSC on Thursday

FORT CAMPBELL — Sgt. Felipe Pereira will be presented with the Distinguished Service Cross by Gen. Ray Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army, in a Thursday ceremony at the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Headquarters.

Pereira is assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment (Strike), 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air

Assault).

The Distinguished Service Cross is second only to the Medal of Honor, and this will be the first such honor awarded to a 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) soldier since the Division's service in Vietnam.

Pereira and his squad were returning from a dismounted patrol Senjaray, Afghanistan, when a suicide motorcycle-borne explosive device detonated in the mid-

dle of his squad they tempted enter their combat outpost. Two soldiers were killed instantly, while four others

were severely including his wounded, squad leader and fellow team leader. Pereira sustained

shrapnel wounds to his spleen, liver and left lung.

While soldiers struggled to gain situational awareness, the enemy initiated a complex ambush, firing on the patrol from an estimated seven fighting positions with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. His lung beginning to collapse, he

struggled to breathe. With little regard for his See DSC, Page A-8

Center seeks to put end to child abuse

By DAVID SNOW

The Eagle Post

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, but despite prevention agencies' best efforts, child abuse is still very prevalent in Christian County.

The Pennyrile Children's Advocacy Center at 409 E. Seventh St. in Hopkinsville is a safe place where abused children can come for protection, to be examined and to provide information to officials about how they had been abused without fear of reprisal by the abusers.

Debbie Outland is the medical unit coordinator and office manager for PCAC who works with children and their parents when they come to

the center. She works with the Kentucky Department of Community Based Services to ensure the children are taken care of and the perpetrator is brought to justice.

Children who come to the center must be accompanied by a parent of law enforcement official. Most of the rooms at the center have toys and other fun things for the children. The foyer has a large dollhouse built by inmates at the penitentiary in Eddyville.

They are then given a forensic interview, where a trained detective will speak with the child. The interview is videotaped to help with the prosecution of the offender and so the child doesn't have to re-See PCAC, Page A-7

Debbie Outland stands in the entryway of the Pennyrile Children's Ad vocacy Center. The dollhouse in the background was donated by inmates at the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville.

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THURSDAY

The City of Oak Grove budget committee meeting originally scheduled for Thursday has been postponed to Thursday, April 19, at 1 p.m. at City Hall. Departments scheduled to discuss their proposed 2012-13 budgets include emergency services, water and city.

FRIDAY

The Officers' Spouses



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Around the area

Club will host its annua VICE Night fundraiser on Friday at Cole Park Commons. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the silent auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. The theme for this year is "Wild West Gold Rush." Tickets are \$25 and are available online or at

the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to the website www.fortcampbellosc.com.

SATURDAY

Hopkinsville-The **County** Jaycees will host a community-wide yard sale

This Weekatthe OGCC

The Oak Grove Community Center has a beginner ballet and tap class that meets Tuesdays from 4:15 to 5 p.m. The class is open to children age 3 to 6 and will teach dance terminology, stretching, proper form, balance and rhythm. Dancers will practice dance steps and simple combinations as skills build.

The Oak Grove Community Center is located 1705 at Thompsonville Lane (Ky. Highway 911) and can be reached at 270-640-6557. Visit the OGCC page on Facebook.

Here is a look at this week's schedule at the OGCC:

Wednesday (Closed to general public): Bootcamp PT, 10-11 a.m., \$5 per person.

Thursday (Open 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.): Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.; Zumba, 10-11 a.m., 5:30-6:30 p.m.; yoga, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; open gym, 1-4:30 p.m.; Body Blast, 4:30Christian

5:30 p.m.; soccer, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday (Open 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.): Core Fusion, 9-10 a.m.; Spin 45, 10-11 a.m.; open gym, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 6:30-10 p.m.; Butts and Guts, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Zumba, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Saturday (Open 8:30 a.m.-noon): Spin 9-10 a.m.; personal training available Saturdays and Sundays upon request; call 270-640-6557 for information.

Monday (Open 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.): Butts and Guts, 9-10 a.m.; Zumba, 10-11 a.m., 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Kickboxing, 11 a.m.-noon; open gym, noon-4:30 p.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Just Abs, 5-5:30 p.m.

Tuesday (Open 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.): Body Blast, 9-10 a.m.; Spin 45, 10-11 a.m.; open gym, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Come Play with Me, noon-1 p.m. (call ahead, 270-640-6557); ballet/tap, 4:15-5 p.m.; Core Fu-5-5:30 sion, p.m.; Zumba, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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on Saturday, April 14, at the Western Kentucky State Fairgrounds on Richard Street. The yard sale will be inside the convention center. Plots available for rent are 15 by 15 feet, which includes the use of one table. Set-up time on April 13 is from 5 to 7 p.m., and Saturday at 5 a.m. Doors are open to the public from 6 a.m. until noon on April 14. All proceeds will go to benefit various community service projects. For questions, call 270-839-3603.

TUESDAY

There will be a Christian County Chamber of Commerce Partners in Education and Breakfast of Champions on Tuesday, April 17, at 7:30 a.m. at the James E. Bruce Convention Center in Hopkinsville. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about the partnerships taking place among local businesses and organizations and our public schools. For more information or to RSVP, contact Cammie Evans at 270-885-9096 or cevans @hopkinsvillechamber.com.

On Tuesday, April 17, from 3 to 9 p.m., Hopkinsville Community College will host an adult college fair in the Auditorium Building Gallery. Participants at this event will have the opportunity to meet admissions counselors, discover financial aid opportunities and learn about exciting new technical career programs that will prepare them for high wage/ high demand careers. For more information, contact Hopkinsville Community College at 270-707-3700.

The Oak Grove City Council will meet in regular session on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

UPCOMING

The regular monthly meeting of the Quad County Elder Abuse Council will be held at the Caldwell County Senior Center at 202 Eagle St. in Princeton at noon on Wednesday, April 18. For additional information, contact Cindy Tabor at 270-886-9484.

The regular monthly meeting of the Pen-Grandparent Support Group will be held at the PADD Office at 300 Hammond Dr. in Hopkinsville at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18. For additional information, contact James Patterson at 270-886-9484.

To submit an item to the Eagle Post community calendar, please include who, what, where and when, along with a daytime phone number. Items may also be faxed to 270-886-5495 or emailed to editor@theeaglepost.us.

SCHOOL MENUS

Following are the lunch menus for Christian County Public Schools for the week of April 12-

Elementary schools Thursday, April 12: No school

(Spring Break). Friday, April 13: No school

(Spring Break). Monday, April 16: Cheese-

burger, hamburger, lettuce, tomato, box lunch, chef salad, french fries, baked beans, fresh fruit, canned fruit, chocolate chip cookie, assorted juice, milk.

Tuesday, April 17: Chicken

strips, box lunch, chef salad, chicken gravy, mashed potatoes. green peas, fresh fruit, canned fruit, biscuits, brownie, assorted juice, milk.

Wednesday, April 18: Beef taco with trimmings, box lunch, chef salad, Spanish rice, refried beans, potato wedge, canned fruit, fresh fruit, yellow cake with fudge frosting, assorted juice,

Middle schools

milk

Thursday, April 12: No school (Spring Break). Friday, April 13: No school

(Spring Break).

Monday, April 16: Hot dog, chef salad, box lunch, baked beans, french fries, carrot sticks, ranch dressing, fresh fruit, canned fruit, brownie, milk, assorted juice.

Tuesday, April 17: Cheese pizza wedge, pepperoni pizza chef salad, box lunch, tossed salad with dressing, carrots, corn, fresh fruit, canned fruit. chocolate chip cookie, milk, assorted juice.

Wednesday, April 18: Teriyak chicken, cooked white rice, vegetable stir-fry, chef salad, box lunch, fresh fruit, canned fruit, fruit crisp, egg roll, milk, assorted juice.

High schools Thursday, April 12: No school

(Spring Break). Friday, April 13: No school

(Spring Break).

Monday, April 16: Philly Swiss sandwich, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza, chef salad, box lunch, tossed salad dressing, french fries, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, canned fruit, blonde brownie, milk, assorted juice.

Tuesday, April 17: Oven-fried chicken, chicken barbecue, hamburger, lettuce, tomato, cheese pizza wedge, chef salad, box lunch, french fries, green beans, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy fresh fruit, canned fruit, chocolate cake, biscuits, milk, assorted

Wednesday, April 18: Sloppy Joe sandwich, pepperoni pizza cheeseburger, chef salad, box lunch, tossed salad with dressing, french fries, baked beans, carrots, canned fruit, fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookie, milk, assorted juice.



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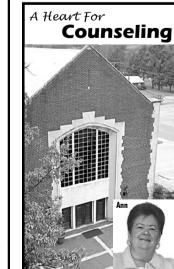
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Drug arrests increase in March OGPD seeks help

By DAVID SNOW

The Eagle Post

The number of drug arrests made in the city of Oak Grove for the month of March was more than double that of January and February combined, according to the activity report issued by the Oak Grove Police Department.

OGPD officers made 21 drug arrests in the month of March, compared to six in January and four in February. Drug arrests made by the K-9 Unit also in-

creased dramatically, as canine officer Ares contributed to 14 drug arrests in March, compared to seven in January and five in February.

Oak Grove police officers had 1,792 activities in March, up 5.7 percent from February's total of 1,696 and up 93.7 percent over March 2011.

Service calls accounted for the most activities, with 448 being made, up 11.4 percent over last month. There were 272 miscellaneous calls, 238 officer assists

and 203 moving violations issued. Moving violations increased 43 percent over the number of citations issued last month — the largest single-category increase — while officer assists decreased by 31.2 percent from last month, the largest single-category decrease for the month of March.

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VICE Night set for Friday the 13th

By DAVID SNOW

The Eagle Post

The Military Affairs Committee's Officers' Spouses Club will host its annual VICE Night on Friday at Cole Park Commons.

The doors will open at 6 p.m., with the silent auction beginning at 6:30 p.m., with a live auction later in the night. Entertainment will be provided by up-and-coming country music singer Jaclyn

"VICE" stands for Very Important Charitable Event, and is a major fundraiser for the club. All proceeds will go to the OSC scholarship fund.

The theme for the night is "Wild West Gold Rush," and participants are encouraged to dress appropriately.

The highlight of the night will be the auctions, which will feature a number of prized items up Other items up for bid include

a weekend at a Nashville horse ranch and restaurant gift cards.

Last year, VICE Night raised more than \$22,000 for the schol-

arship fund, bolstering the total of \$50,000 raised for the fund last

Tickets are \$25 apiece and are available online or at the door. The website to get tickets is www.fortcampbellosc.com.

For more information, contact McLellan at the Christian County Chamber of Commerce office at 270-885-9096.

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in local arson case

By DAVID SNOW

The Eagle Post

The Oak Grove Police Department is seeking public help in finding the person or persons who set fire to a city residence, and information that leads to an arrest will result in a reward for those who can help.

On March 8 about 8 p.m., a fire was set at the residence at 1335 Hugh Hunter Road. Evidence led officers to believe that it was intentionally set.

"We had one suspect, and we did an interview with that suspect," said OGPD Det. Erick Hernandez. "We did a background check and everything, and she was not the one who actually committed the arson.

"We did a canvass of the neighborhood to see if anybody saw

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anything. As of right now, we have no further leads as to who set the house on fire."

People can provide information anonymously by calling the Crimestoppers toll-free number at 1-887-490-TIPS (-8477). Should the information lead to an arrest, that person will be contacted and provided a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

"The victim said she didn't have any problems with anyone other than that suspect, so we are kind of at a dead end right now," Hernandez said.

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Chief cited for ignoring officers roadway that had fallen out of "His response to my request to

By DAVID SNOW

The Eagle Post

Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department Chief and city safety officer Greg Bequette was cited in Hopkinsville on April 4 for ignoring directions given by Hopkinsville police officers who had responded to accident.

HPD officers had responded to an injury accident on Pembroke Road at the Pennyrile Parkway overpass when Bequette came upon the scene, traveling eastbound on Pembroke Road.

According to the police report, officers had noticed nails in the the vehicles involved in the accident, causing a safety hazard. To prevent vehicles from driving over the nails, officers blocked the road with a stationary police car with its emergency lights on.

Bequette approached the accident scene and drove around the blocking police car, into the center median and around the officer directing traffic.

HPD Sgt. Erik Pacheco, who issued the citation, contacted the Christian County Emergency Communications Center to tell Bequette that Pacheco wanted to speak with him.

speak with him was 'Why?'" the report stated. "Upon contact, I explained why and what officers observed."

Bequette was cited for failure to give the right of way to an emergency vehicle and for disregardsignals from officers directing traffic.

Bequette could not be reached for comment. Oak Grove Mayor Dan Potter declined to comment.

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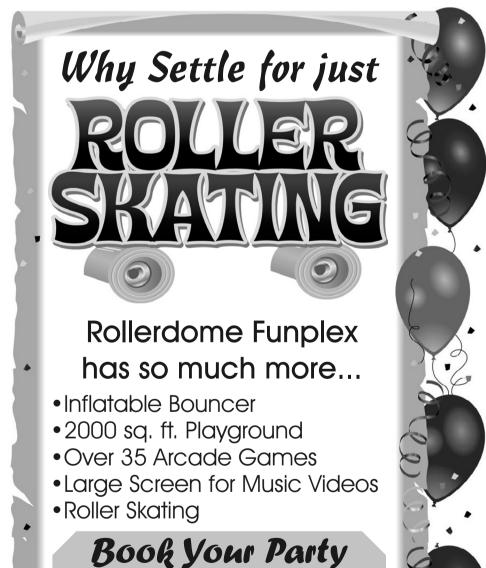
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Lodge No. 946 from 7 to son said. Harrison said the 11 that morning. All proceeds from the panturnout was very encake breakfast went to couraging, and that the Oak Grove Community organization would try to do an Easter egg hunt "I know that a lot of next year. Easter 2013

> falls on March 31. "We're going to do a better job of getting the word out than we did,"

she said. "But, it was the first time, and I think we all had a great time. We really did."

To donate to Oak Grove Community Cares or to join the organization, contact Harrison at 270-839-8608.

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Zoe Howe (left) and Gerardo Ramirez find a great spot to find Easter eggs at the War Mo morial Walking Trail Park on Saturday.



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Waiting for their pancakes to be cooked by Fort Campbell Masonic Lodge No. 946 mem- William Bailey (left) and Ryan Cargill of Griller's Choice cooked up more than 2,200 ho dogs for those attending the Community Cares Easter egg hunt.



ber Steven Grudzinski on Saturday are (L-R) Joseph McGraw, Ryan McGraw, Lisa Mc-



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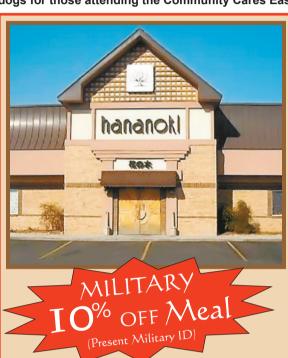


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Foster leaving position as post events manager

By DAVID SNOW The Eagle Post

For the last four years, Lanette Foster has been the special events coordinator at Fort Campcreating entertainment

events for soldiers and their families to enjoy. Today will be her last day in that office, as her husband is being transferred to California.

Some of the events that Foster has organized include the monthly family fun fairs, Texas Hold 'em poker and Bunco nights, as well as concerts and carnivals. Her office has put together spouse appreciation nights and Presidential visits — almost any event held on

"My absolute favorite is doing Operation Rising Star," Foster said. "I really, really love that. It's the Army's version of 'American Idol.' I look forward to that every year. I enjoy the poker; I enjoy the Bunco."

Foster said she was drawn to her current position after serving as the manager at the horse stables as part of MWR's Outdoor Recre-

"I got chosen to be a project officer for a carnival about six or seven years ago," she said. "I found that I really like to do that, so I started incorporating that into the stables stuff, where we would do little events and make different types of rides and take ideas and stuff.

"I was asked to do it a second time, and I found that I really liked doing that. So, when the position came open, they approached me and asked me if I would be interested in moving over, and I jumped on it. Absolutely!

A native of Marksville, La., Foster said some of the things she enjoyed about being a special coordinator events would be things that she would probably never do again.

"Seeing everybody come out to an event and knowing that I had a hand in that," she said as her favorite part of her job. "It may sound cliché, but just bringing out the joy and seeing the smiles on everybody's faces and know-

ing that they're having a good time. Seeing that they had a good time and that they wished they could do it again,

and knowing that I had a hand in that." Before working as special

events co-

ordinator, Foster was unknowingly preparing herself for the position by working at her children's birthday parties, organizing scavenger hunts, preparing going-away parties for friends in the military and Christmas parties.

"I love that energy, the go-go-go all the time," she said. "That, and the worry and the stress of 'Is it going to be right? Is anybody going to show up?' I just love it! I love the tension, I love the stress, and then, when it's all over, I can say, 'I did that!""

When she has spare time, Foster enjoys playing games on Facebook or playing card games or board games.

Foster met her husband, Sgt. Maj. Noel Foster, a native of Washington state, at Fort Campbell when she was living with her brother during Desert Storm. They have been married for 22 years. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

"They keep me fresh with ideas and things like that," she said.

The Fosters are mov-

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ing to Fort Irwin, Calif., where Noel Foster will be the command sergeant major for the 1/11 ACR. Fort Irwin lies between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, where it abuts Death Valley National Park.

Foster said that she will miss the interaction of the people she has worked with and gotten close to as well as the work she did here.

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Country needs series of miracles, beginning with finances

¶latly stated, our **d** country needs a series of miracles to survive overwhelming internal and external problems that have reached gigantic proportions. Our failure to resolve any one of these hot spots can result in the dissolution of our advanced and very "taken for granted" life style.

No. 1 on this list of **DAN POTTER** apparent "democracy killers" is the state of our finances. We must either

immediately become financially responsible or we will suffer a national "meltdown" of worth unparalleled anywhere in the span of our relatively short history.

It is so apparent we have no real plan for fixing our dismal financial predicament. It does not take an economic guru to determine that this problem cannot be solved over night as many "people in the know" state to you. Rather, with the right decisions and the unyielding support of the American people, I feel comfortable it could be achieved in about 25 years.

We have been taught there is a tendency that ledger balances can change to the good overnight by utilizing some creative tactics. Under a long range plan, progress will immediately and constantly occur — but to reach the point of total achievement, meaning victory over debt, will take time. In other words; ridding America of enormous public debt and making the dollar "rock solid" will take every bit of 25 years. The main idea must be to get financially responsible right now and work our plan; the end result will be worth the effort. Presently we have no real plan for resurrecting anything, especially our fiscal health.

There are efforts underway to decrease our annual budget deficit of approximately \$1.3 trillion. The cuts are coming from the Department of Defense and other government departments. For the present, and I do mean only the present, programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid are off the table.

These proposed cuts will amount to a few hundred billion but that will just slow our fall face first into the mud.

It's the same as being on a sinking ship in that you are taking on two gallons of water a minute but have the pumping capacity to pump out one gallon. We will just take longer to go under.

Congress must understand that the problem originated with the annual overspent budget and its willingness to pass it into law. It appears eager now to reform a

problem it created ... a very grave problem.

The two factors that must concern us the most are; 1) what is our dollar really worth and, 2) how many of them do we owe? The simple answer is very little and a lot of them.

Our national goal should be to stabilize our dollar for the long run and start paying debt back. Without accomplishing this, our money

will always depend on what stupidity happens in other parts of the world like, for instance, the financial crisis of Greece, Italy and now Spain.

Some economists believe that it is far more prudent to keep the economy inspired rather than be overconcerned about our huge national debt. With a good economy our "floating dollar" is worth more on the world market. Our money should be worth a certain amount, but inflation figures don't agree.

How do you maintain trust in the currency of a nation that owes more debt than all other industrial nations combined? Our economy is as fragile as Chinese porcelain dolls that have been dropped from an aircraft at 35,000 feet without a parachute (and expect her not to shatter as she hits the ground.)

When our economy falters, as does are buying power thus, inflation goes through the roof. The floating dollar is sometimes stable and sometimes not. Global banking has brought on many problems for America and will continue to do so if a fix is not achieved.

About 5 billion years ago, the "Big Bang" sent big chunks of matter through space, thus, forming the universe. Our molten sphere was made of gases and metals, including the most precious of all, gold. Hence the "gold standard" became a reality. I missed a few steps and a few billion years, but it was the end product that is important ... gold.

We have about \$829 billion in paper money and coinage in circulation. It is replaced periodically through Federal Reserve banks as it wears out. It is backed up by absolutely nothing other than the confidence the world has in our money. This is what causes a perpetual inflation rate. We desire a system much more reliable

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and much more consistent in order to stabilize our roller coaster dollar. We have had and desperately need our gold standard back.

The United States owns the most gold of any nation — that fact certainly surprised me. We have on hand over 4,000 metric tons of the precious metal tucked away in federal depositories and valued at \$147 billion. This deposit was not such a big deal in 1970 when gold was selling for \$30 an ounce. But now it is \$1,600 an ounce. This gold belongs to me, you and every American. This is the closest thing to real money this nation has.

As a matter of fact, this is the only real money the country has.

What I would like for our nation to do is make those long range plans to return to the gold standard.

America can return to the gold standard. It won't happen overnight but in stages. We are currently too dragged down by the global economy to make good decisions about anything. The experts are all confused over what could be a very simple, very adequate, financial reclamation.

We have about \$829 billion in circulating money backed by nothing, \$16 trillion of debt that is very real, and \$147 billion in gold bullion.

I understand that it is extremely difficult to once again establish a gold standard when we are faced with a massive amount of debt. There will be precise steps necessary to

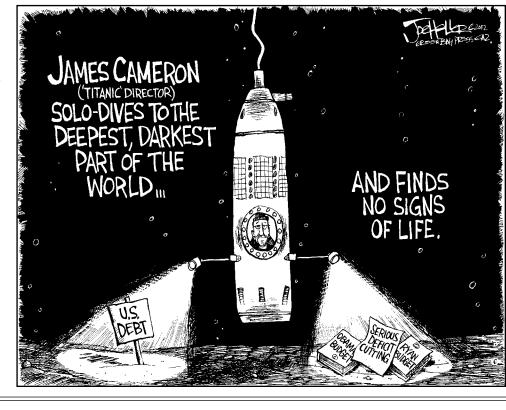
> to fiscal well-being which must be accomplished in a perfect manner. Cutting the amount money, circulating accumulating more gold through better extraction

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methods, and eliminating our national debt a little at time by the initiation of paying our national debt interest with our floating dollar but the beginning of paying our interest on all loans in gold.

The return to the gold standard will be possible; however, it will not happen overnight. It may take quite some negotiations with our lenders but the future will immediately brighten with its initiation. It will be satisfying to display to the rest of the world that we can manage the resources of America.

Even more important we as Americans are the "Top Guns" in world economics, and the only country in the world on the gold standard.



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Russian President Dimitri

In discussing missile de-

fense, Obama suggested he

would be prepared to yield

to Russian demands after

the November election.

"This is my last election,"

said Obama, not know-

ing his words were being

picked up by an open microphone.

"After my election, I have more flex-

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"I understand. I will transmit this in-

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Medvedev.

Chilling parallels to Obama's missile defense moves President Obama has caused quite a stir with a States, we should have a private comment made to

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missile-defense system (we do not) that would shoot it down. They believe this despite voting for Democratic presidential nominees who blocked missile defense: Al Gore, John Kerry, and Obama.

That said, I was taken aback by the historical irony of Obama's comment to

Medvedev. It came 29 years almost to the day that Ronald Reagan, on March 23, 1983, announced his Strategic Defense Initiative. More fitting, Obama's remarks came precisely during the period in 1983 when liberal Democrats lined up to ridicule Reagan's SDI.

Immediately after Reagan's announcement, Sen. Ted Kennedy dashed to the Senate floor to mock the SDI speech as "misleading Redscare tactics and reckless Star Wars schemes." The term quickly found itself typed into New York Times headlines that day.

Kennedy inspired other Democrats to follow suit. Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) dismissed Reagan's talk of "Buck Rogers" weapons. Barbara Boxer (D-CA), today a U.S. senator from California, chuckled at the president's "astrological dream." The leftist scientist Carl Sagan, the face of Cosmos, a popular PBS series, joined

the fun, howling at Reagan's silly

were fired at the United machine: "In the foreground comes a very attractive laser battle station," guffawed Sagan, "which then makes

a noise like bzzzt ... bzzzt ... bzzzt." Needless to say, the Kremlin absolutely loved this. It was a badly needed gift, courtesy of America's Democrats. Reagan's announcement had terrified the Russians. They needed a way to turn the tables. They adored the lines about "Star Wars" and "Buck Rogers." They instantly co-opted the language and created a full propaganda campaign built precisely on these terms of derision by Democrats.

Like with Barack Obama's statement against missile defense today, the Russians were elated.

That was March 1983. And yet, President Obama's comments bring to mind another troubling historical analogy. They follow Obama's Sept. 17, 2009 announcement canceling plans for joint missile defense between the U.S., Poland, and the Czech Republic — former "Captive Nations" of the Soviet Bloc that have become superb U.S. allies, and who

still fear the Russians. Obama's action was a shocking betrayal of these two allies, and it was done to mollify Vladimir Putin and the Russians. Poles and Czechs were stunned. But Poles especially were aghast at the timing of Obama's decision: It came exactly 70 years to the day —

Sept. 17, 1939 — that Stalin's Red

Army, in compliance with the Hitler-

Stalin Pact, invaded Poland. The Soviets thereby joined the Nazis in assaulting Poland and starting World War II. Among other calamities for Poland, such as the Katyn Woods massacre, this joint attack made possible the Warsaw Ghetto and Auschwitz. Poland somehow survived,

but its Jews did not. Back then, too, in September 1939, Poland was virtually defenseless, and Uncle Sam didn't help.

This time, in September 2009, Poles and Czechs were asking for something much simpler: a U.S. commitment to the joint missile-defense system that America had promised under its previous president. No American troops were requested, no American tanks, planes, rifles, bullets, grenades. Only a defense sys-

President Obama reversed that promise on Sept. 17, 2009.

Many Poles saw the move as another painful example of Uncle Sam siding with Russia at Poland's expense and to Poland's detriment, a tragic history that goes back to Yalta in February 1945. President Obama's moves on mis-

sile defense contain some chilling historical parallels. This is not good.

Will any of this matter to Obama's supporters? No, it won't.

(Dr. Paul Kengor is professor of political science at Grove City Pa. College and executive director of The Center for Vision & Values.)

derstands that his longtime stance against U.S. missile defense — while in full accord with Russian leadership — is not popular with Americans. He cannot codify his stance in a formal agreement with Medvedev and Putin until after the November election assuming he wins. It was a rare moment when Obama was caught on tape expressing his true beliefs. Those beliefs are no surprise.

Barack Obama has never supported missile defense. In 2008, he openly campaigned to "cut investments." It is most unfortunate that Americans would elect to the White House a man who rejects missile defense. Time and time again, in poll after poll, the vast majority of Americans have stated that if a nuclear missile

Real judges judge PCAC poster, poetry contest

By DAVID SNOW

The Eagle Post

The Pennyrile Children's Advocacy Center and the Child Abuse Council is sponsoring a child abuse prevention poster and poetry contest through Christian County Public Schools.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the PCAC has several events going on during that month.

"One of our events is a candlelight vigil that we will have on April 16," said Debbie Out-

Hopkinsville Police De-

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land, the medical unit coordinator and office manager for PCAC. "Kids were invited to participate in a poem or poster contest about child

First-prize winners will get \$30, second prize is \$20 and third prize is \$10. Entries are judged in categories by grade: first through third grades fourth and fifth grades, sixth through eighth grades and ninth through 12th grades.

The entries are judged by real judges. Family Court Judge Jason Fleming, Circuit Court Judge Andrew Self and Chief Circuit Judge John Atkins had the task of finding three winners in each grade group out of several impressive works.

"(The talent level) is just unbelievable," Fleming said after the judging, held Friday.

"The quality of the art and sophistication of thought are both very impressive," Self

"It's remarkable, the level of talent and skill that these children are showing," Atkins said. "The talent, I attribute to their God-given abilities, and the skill is to the teachers."

Prizes will be awarded at the candlelight vigil, which starts at 6 p.m. Monday at North Drive Middle School.

Those wanting to take part in the Walk Against Child Abuse can come to Tie-Breaker Park in Hopkinsville at 8 a.m. on April 21.

Participation is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Hull at 270-885-9096 or the PCAC at 270-881-1111.

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child abuse, Hull recommends first calling any enforcement agency. People can call Christian the County Sheriff's Office at 270-887-4143, the Hopkinsville Police Department at 270-890-1500, Oak Grove Police Department at 270-439-4602 or Pembroke Po-Department 270-475-4343.

If someone suspects

The PCAC saw more than 300 children last year alone, with 157 from Christian County.

"One of the highest says that statistics

abusees become abusers. That's in child abuse, physical abuse, domestic abuse — anything," Outland said.

"That's one of the main reasons we put them into therapy is to stop the cycle," Hull said. "DCBS will tell you the same thing: In therapy, the goal is to break the cycle. You break the cycle, and the cases will be reduced.

"The best way to make it safe is to put those bad guys in jail, and this center is so, so important to make that happen."

For more information. call Hull at the Christian County Chamber Commerce office at 270-885-9096 or the PCAC at 270-881-1111.

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Morris

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concerned with the safety of Morris's other children because there have been previous investigations of abuse.

About three weeks before he was arrested, Morris brought his daughter, Alayna Adair, into Gateway Medical Center in Clarksville, Tenn., to have her arm examined. Her left elbow was swollen and bruised, according to state records. She also had been vomiting and had bruises on her body, according to records from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Morris first told a nurse that Adair's arm was already broken when he picked her up from her mother's house three days earlier. He then said he didn't

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know how it happened. Later, Morris told a cabinet member that Adair injured herself on a slipand-slide.

On July 2, Oak Grove police were called to Morris' home on Pembroke-Oak Grove Road. When they arrived, the 3-year-old Adair was unconscious and barely breathing, police said. Morris told police that the child hit her head after falling in a bathtub. An autopsy showed that she died from blunt force trauma to the head.

Morris was arrested later that month in Texas.

The social worker who handled the broken arm report, Donna M. Currey, retired from the cabinet after she received a letter saying

her managers planned to fire her. The letter pointed out many areas in which the cabinet felt Currey had mishandled the report.

As part of his release, Morris cannot have contact with any children, including his.

Self told Morris that if he broke any of the conditions of his release, "I will yank you back in just immediately." Morris nodded that he understood.

For future meetings, Faust said he would visit Morris at Fort Campbell. Other than court hearings. Morris is not allowed to leave the installation.

He has a trial date set for May 14.

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9. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation"	12.06
10. "60 Minutes"	11.73
11. "Castle"	11.69
12. "Prelude to a Championship"	11.47
13. "NCIS"	11.45
14. "Criminal Minds"	11.34
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by Linda Thistle

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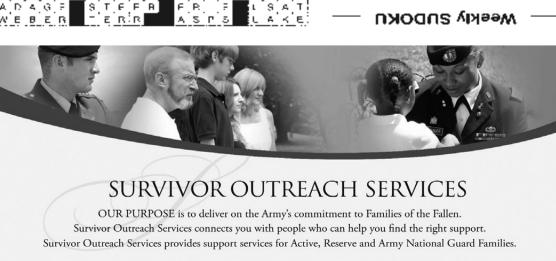
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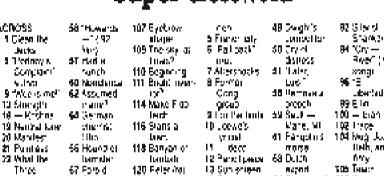


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Pereira immediately provided suppressive fire from the vehicle, allowing two of his fellow soldiers to move two casualties to the vehicle. As bullets ricocheted off the vehicle and narrowly missed Pereira, he continued to provide fire direction for the remaining soldiers on the ground.

fire, but was unable to

gain effective cover.

Pereira then quickly pulled the vehicle back into the entrance of the outpost, where medics were standing by to receive the casualties. He helped move the casualties to care, then moved back into enemy fire a second time to continue evacuating and directing his fellow soldiers.

Pereira is credited with saving the lives of two of his fellow soldiers while risking his own on multiple occasions. It was only after all of the wounded soldiers had been evacuated and were receiving medical care that he accepted treatment him-

A native of Brazil. Pereira, 28, attended high school at a private Christian school where he graduated top of his class, was soccer team captain and graduation speaker for the class of 2000. He moved to America when he was 17 years old to attend the English as a Second Language program at Union College in Lincoln, Neb. After graduating the program in only one semester, Pereira continued his college education by earning a bachelor of science degree in biology in 2006.

To be able to pay for his college education, Pereira worked full-time as a certified lifeguard, a swimming instructor, and a Krav Maga selfdefense instructor. He also worked as a volunteer soccer coach for the YMCA girls' junior soccer league and participated in charity events to help the needy in the community as a part of Union College's "Project Impact."

Upon graduation, he explored the possibility of pursuing a master's degree while working as a laboratory technician for the entomology department at the University of Nebraska. After deciding not to pursue a master's degree, Pereira worked as a self-defense instructor and manager for a martial arts academy. He also worked as a personal banker and mortgage loan processor for a small familybank owned

March 2009, In Pereira enlisted into the Army. He completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Benning, Ga., and after graduation from Charlie Company 2-19th Infantry in June 2009, he was sent to Fort Campbell. In July 2009, he was assigned to 3rd Pla-

Nebraska.

Pereira became a dual citizen of Brazil and the United States.

In May 2010, Pereira

deployed to Zhari Dis-

trict. Kandahar, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and was moved to 2nd Squad as the Alpha Team leader. While there, he earned two Purple Heart cita-

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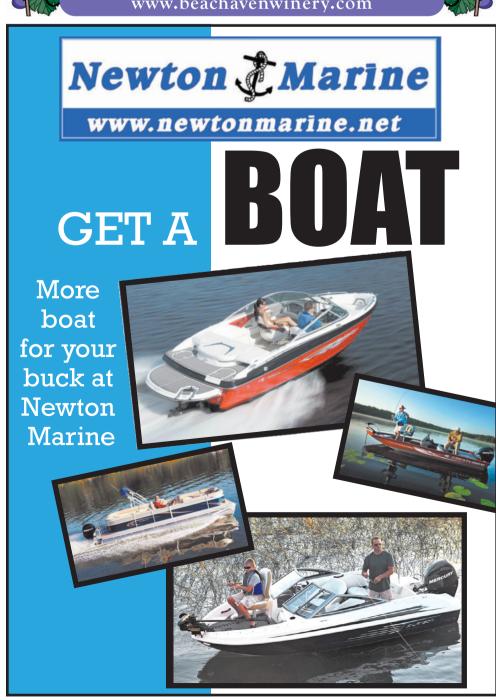
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Did You Know..?

Prior to establishment of the Distinguished Service Cross by order of President Woodrow Wilson on July 9, 1918, the Medal of Honor was the only American award for valor in combat available to American servicemen.

















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FEATURES

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STEM plants seeds of advanced education

By DAVID SNOW

The Eagle Post

FORT CAMPBELL — Once students have the roots of education, taking the plant analogy one step further, it is time to build on the stem — or, in this case, STEM.

"STEM" stands for Science, Technology, Engineer and Mathematics, and is an educational initiative catching on nationwide.

Fort Campbell High School held its first STEMposium on Monday and Tuesday in the school library, and FCHS students were learning about robotics hands-on, constructing robots and having them respond to auditory commands, visual commands and even direct programming.

"We're trying to

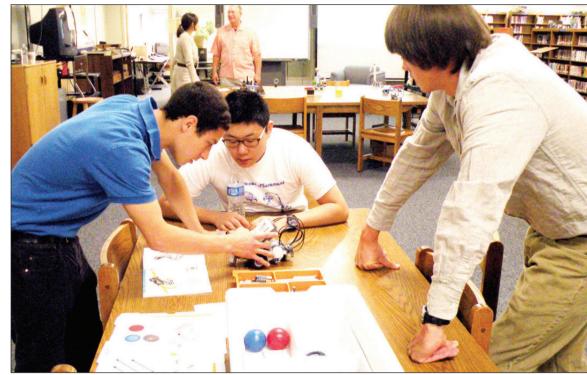
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many robots in our school as possible," said FCHS physics teacher Phil McCarty. "Kids live in a virtual world now. I grew up hands-on something all the time, and we're trying to bring that back. We want to bring more things in for more hands-on.

"These little robots also hook into some Vernier equipment I have, with all different kinds of sensors. So, really, the only limit to these things is our imaginations."

Students gathered groups to work on different kinds of robotics using equipment provided by Lego. While some groups constructed and programmed robots, Dr. Daniel Freeman of Fort Knox Schools set up an entire robotic city in which

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Working on a robot programmed to go respond to auditory commands such as clapping are (L-R) Ethar Gibson, Jaemin Ko and Josh Clifton. Fort Campbell High School students at the STEMposium this weel formed groups that worked with programming robots using visual and auditory sensors.



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Dr. Daniel Freeman of Fort Knox demonstrates to Fort Campbell High School students how robots can help build ecology-friendly cities by placing solar panels on houses, activating wind turbines and taking down smokestacks that contain harmful pollutants.

DAVID SNOW | The Eagle Post Putting together a robot with a sight sensor that is light-sensitive are (L-R) Lataili laulualo, Dominique McArthur, Katelyn Rupert, Erica

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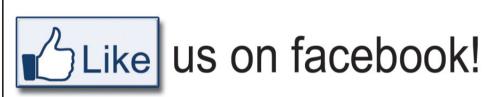
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Boys' track places second at Racer Relays

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The Fort Campbell Falcons and Lady Falcons track teams performed well at the Racer Relays Saturday in Murray.

The boys finished in second place with 103.5 points — the best result among teams from Kentucky trailing only Mount Vernon (Ill.), which had 158.75 points. Hopkinsville placed fourth and Christian County

On the girls' side, the Lady Falcons came in sixth with 64 points, which was

third out of the Kentucky teams but 70 points behind winner Clarksville (Tenn.) Northeast. Christian County was ninth and Hopkinsville 11th.

Individually, T'Kia Collins and Raven Finley-Flowers were fourth and fifth, respectively, in the girls' 300meter hurdles, and Nia Gibbs-Francis was tied for second in the high jump.

Jordan Gibbs-Francis brought home first place in the 400-meter run and Khalil Maynard won the 300-meter hurdles. Josh Clifton took second in the 110-meter hurdles.

Darren Finley-Flowers was the runner-up in the high jump and David Sahms was third in the pole vault competition.

Fort Campbell's boys won the 4-by-200-meter relay and was second in the 4-by-400 meter relay. The girls were second in the 4-by-200 and 4-by-400.

Fort Campbell will compete in the Austin Peay Governors' High School Classic on Saturday in Clarksville.

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FCHS runner Nick Ringle runs down the stretch to help the Falcons to a sec-Reach Adam at amay@the ond-place finish at the Racer Relays in Murray. Fort Campbell had the best score of any Kentucky team.

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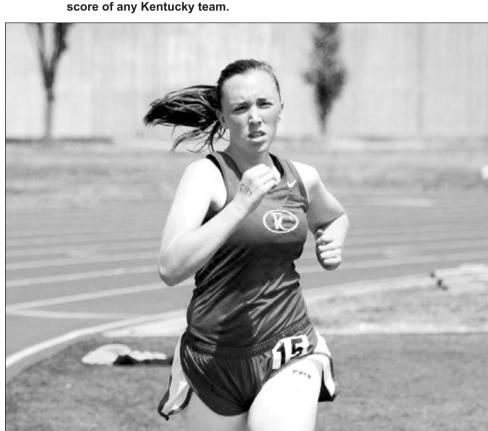


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Lady Falcons runner Eileen Sullivan takes the turn at Roy Stewart Stadium in the Racer Relays at Murray on Saturday. Fort Campbell placed second in the 4-by-200-meter and 4-by-400 meter relays. FCHS will compete at the APSU Governors High School Classic in Clarksville, Tenn., on Saturday.

Did You Know..?

The 4-by-400-meter relay is almost equivalent to a mile relay. A mile is about 1,609 meters, and the total distance run in a 4-by-400 is 1,600 meters. A meter is almost 1.1 yards, so 400 meters is almost a quarter-mile (440 yards), and a 100-meter dash is about 109 yards.



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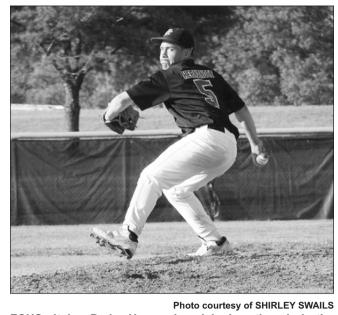
Many think this could be the year that Fort Campbell's baseball team takes the next step in District 8, and it could still happen — it just didn't happen last week. The week began with a 9-1 district loss to University Heights Academy on post.

Fort Campbell started Pedro Hernandez on the mound and he struck out 10 while only walking two, but five errors cost the Falcons on the scoreboard.

J.D. Swails, Travis Swails and Sam Colt had a single in the loss, which was only their second setback of the year against opponents from Kentucky.

The Falcons hit much better the next night, but six more errors were costly in an 11-7 loss to the Blazers.

J.D. Swails struck out one and walked five in 4-2/3 innings to take the loss on the mound. He also had a single and



FCHS pitcher Pedro Hernandez picked up the win in the Falcons' 12-2 win at Fort Knox on Saturday. Hernandez allowed only two first-inning runs before the Falcons' bats came alive in a battle between on-post high schools.

double at the plate.

Braxton Lewis gave Fort Campbell a 3-2 lead in the third inning with a two-run double, but UHA came back with four more runs in the bottom of the frame. Travis Swails and Cyle Jay had three hits each for the Falcons.

"UHA has always been a fundamentally sound team." Fort Campbell coach Kenny

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Caver told the Kentucky New Era. "They've always been that way. You can't give them extra outs, and we gave them quite a few over the last two days."

The Falcons split a double-header with Fort Knox on Saturday, winning 12-2 and losing 6-5. Fort Campbell scored

nine runs in the top of the fifth to give Hernandez the victory. Koty Hix had an RBI double and Hernandez and Travis Swails had RBI singles in the win.

FCHS had a 5-4 lead going into the bottom of the seventh inning of the second game, but couldn't put it away. Hernandez had two doubles in the loss.

The Falcons will host Todd Co. Central at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, visit West Creek (Tenn.) at 5 p.m. on Friday, host Christian Fellowship in a double-header at 1 p.m. on Saturday and visit Sycamore (Tenn.) at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

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LP-Pedro Hernandez (5 2/3 IP, 10 SO, 2 BB).

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And Abraham fell on his face and laughed at the thought of a child being born to a man who was 100 years old and a woman who was 90.

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What would you do if you won the lottery?

It doesn't appear anyone likely to read this column won the recent big lottery jackpot, but that doesn't mean we can't talk about what one could do with \$640

First off, who would really want to buy a professional sports fran-

It's like a lot of things that sound fun, but in actuality would be more stress and work than games.

Not to mention that it's hard to be a good owner and fan at the

approved Steve McNair being traded to Baltibeen all right with not park and sit on the front

re-signing Albert Pujols if it meant greater flexibility with salary five years from now? I'm not sure I could have been that guy.

Being that guy is how one wins consis-

tently, though. Even the New York Yankees have fallen into the trap of being too loyal to players such as Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez who earn money far beyond their value while their production falls like a rock.

The Florida (now Miami) Marlins, Anaheim Angels, Chicago White Sox, San Francisco Giants Philadelphia Phillies have as many World Series championships over the last 10 years as the Yankees do with one, and they aren't spending upwards of 200 million dollars a year.

The St. Louis Cardinals and Boston Red Sox have two world championships each in the last decade.

You may think you'd like to be a NASCAR team owner, but I'm not sure how much fun it would be to see a piece of equipment worth hundreds of thousands of dollars burning up on the track because someone got a little impatient.

I realized that I'd be more likely to be struck by lightning and live six separate times than I would be to win the jackpot and didn't buy a ticket — but I think I make a real difference.

have been the guy who know some of what I'd do if I had the money.

I think I'd go to every more? Could you have Major League Baseball

> row and whatever

I'd buy season tickets to every team I remotely liked and some I didn't. It would be cool to find families loved a particular team who could-

n't afford to go to games and buy them tickets. There are thousands of kids across Kentucky who bleed blue who have never and may never get to go experience Rupp Arena. That's a shame.

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There also needs to be more perspective in sports. It's unfathomable that players who could easily go straight to the NBA are required to take up a scholarship on Division I teams for one year with no intention to ever graduate or to get an education.

It's not the kids' faults; they didn't make the rules. It's just that there are so many young men who cannot afford a college education who would actually cherish the opportunity to get a diploma while playing a

If I had the jackpot, I hope I'd start scholarships at area colleges based solely on a financial need and not what one can do with a ball, however entertaining that may be.

Three people groups of people (depending on who you ask) did win the jackpot, and we don't know yet if they're sports fans. Whether they are or not, here's hoping they



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FCHS Lady Falcons fall to Trigg County

for Spring Break, the Fort Campbell Lady Falcon softball team fell on post to Trigg County 21-3 on April 3.

Fort Campbell allowed Trigg County 13 runs in the top of the first inning and never got back in the game.

The Lady Falcons scored a single run in the second, third and fourth inning, but could never put together a rally.

Brittany Gossett, Brit- Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

After taking a week off tany Gomez and Eileen Sullivan had hits for Fort Campbell in the

> Fort Campbell's pitching walked 17 batters, which allowed the Lady Wildcats to get the large win on only seven hits.

Fort Campbell will visit Northwest (Tenn.) on Thursday before playing back-to-back District 8 games on the road: at Hopkinsville on Monday at 5:30 p.m. and at Christian County on

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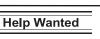
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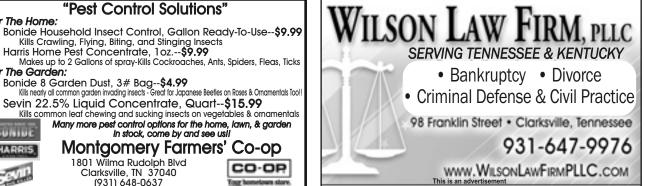
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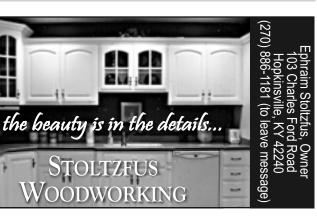
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Several professionals came to assist with the STEMposium, including Dr. Amishi Castelli of the U.S. Department of Transportation,

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day life is like. "There is a lot of writing, and the scientists' skills include analyzing data, designing studies not just conducting studies — thinking of new research questions, using the data and writing reports and using

communications." Gwen Ziegler of Fort Knox Schools provided instructional support for the first STEMposium

at Fort Campbell. "It's really interesting, because these robotic kits are actually elementary; they're built for ages 8 and up," she said. "But, because they are involved so much in the programming, it creates a really good tool for critical thinking and problem solving and reasoning — all of that put together in one kit, and this is what we're trying to teach now is 21st-Century

"They have to brainstorm, they have to think about 'What do we need this to do, and how are we going to make it work?" Butler added. "Within the scientific method, they are all basically the same things. You have a problem, you brainstorm on how to solve the problem, you test it an dif it doesn't work, you go back and go through the whole process again.

That's where the critical thinking comes in. "Later on, they will be learning how to program it, to do those certain operations and so

on." The STEMposium has proven to be popular with the students at FCHS, and the administration intends to not only keep the initiative

but to build on it. "This will be an annual event," said Lillian Butler. "This is somePoint class down here little bit. When we got back into class, I had

ogy-friendly. "It's given them some real-world experiences as well as practical experiences," Butler said. "They have to do a lot of research and building. It's just fabulous that

thing that we will focus on every year. We will probably have this right before registration so students will have the opportunity to what's out there in the classes that they might not know they had an interest in until they see "They are in the process of registering now. In fact, (Monday), I brought my Power-

and looked around for a two kids pull out their registration cards and — 'I'm taking that robotics!' 'I'll take green

tech, too!" Butler said that the school is trying to encourage girls and minorities to take interest in scientific fields. Those are demographic areas that are under-represented

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Working on a robot programmed to go around objects by using its sensors are Aaliyah Blue (standing at far left), Linwood Moore-Person (seated to Blue's left), Joe-Joe Morgan (seated behind table) and Valentino Ramirez (standing at Morgan's left). Fort Campbell High School students at the STEMposium this week formed groups that worked with programming robots using visual and auditory sensors. The robot is seen at the

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Dr. Daniel Freeman of Fort Knox talks robotics with Thomas Sutton, a freshman at Fort Campbell High School. The robotic city that Freeman demonstrated is shown on the table, including wind turbines at left and houses at right. The robot is seen in the right corner. Robots followed the tracks provided.



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FCHS students (L-R) Adrian Guerrero, Christine Meehan and Zack Robison work on their robotics project while being assisted by Dr. Amishi Castelli (standing, left) of the U.S. Department of Transportation and FCHS teacher Greg Spence. Castelli was one of several professionals invited to help with the STEMposium.



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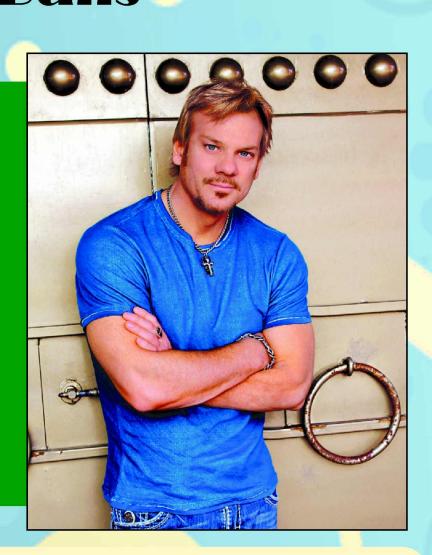
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